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SUBJECT: CUBA/US FISHERIES

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- 1. CUBA HAS VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHED ITS ATLANTIC ALLOCATION, AND TONNAGE FEES HAVE BEEN REFUNDED. THE REASONS FOR CUBAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ATLANTIC FISHERY FOR 1978 ARE NOT ALTOGETHER CLEAR, BUT WE SURMISE IT MAY BE RELATED TO THE RELATIVE STRINGENCY OF U.S. FISHERY REGULATIONS (RESTRICTING FISHING AREAS, BYCATCH ETC.) AND THE CUBAN ALTERNA TIVES FOR DEPLOYMENT OF THEIR FISHING FLEET IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS AFRICA. THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ATLANTIC DID NOT DIMINISH CUBAN INTEREST IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. DEPT WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP USINT BETTER INFORMED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FUTURE.
- 2. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF U.S./CUBA FISHERY RELATIONSHIP, CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM U.S. CITIZEN, TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERIVCE, FOR PERMISSION TO FISH FOR SWORDFISH WITHIN CUBAN ECONOMIC ZONE. MR. MELVYN SIEGEL, REPRESENTING THE MARLENE FRANCES CORP. AND THE SEA QUEST CORP. OF MARGATE, NEW JERSEY, PROPOSES TO SEND THREE 75 FOOT TRAWLER/LONGLINE VESSELS TO THE CUBAN ZONE. FISHING FOR SWORDFISH WOULD BE CONDUCTED USING 20

MILE LONGLINES WITH 1800 HOOKS PER LINE. REQUEST USINT APPROACH CUBAN FISHERY AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE RECEPTIVITY THIS PROPOSAL, AND FURTHER INFORMATION THEY WOULD REQUIRE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS APPLICATION. VANCE

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